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State Board of Education Welcomes Dr. William L. Librera As Next Commissioner of Education

The State Board of Education today welcomed Dr. William L. Librera as the next Commissioner of Education at its regular monthly work session. Dr. Librera officially assumed the role of Acting Commissioner today. The 55-year-old Librera brings with him more than 30 years of experience in public education as a New Jersey teacher, principal and superintendent.

"I look forward to working closely with the board to improve education for the children of New Jersey," said Dr. Librera. "We must be prepared to face the challenge of providing our children with the highest quality education possible.

"I am honored to serve a Governor who is committed to making educational excellence the cornerstone of his administration. I look forward to spearheading the Governor's initiatives to guarantee that every child is able to read by the third grade, to create greater opportunities for our school children and to instill accountability in our classrooms.

"This administration is also committed to ensuring quality early childhood education so that the state's children will reach kindergarten ready to learn."

"I would like to offer a warm welcome to Dr. Librera," said Maud Dahme, President of the State Board. "We are looking forward to working with him as he seeks to provide the highest quality education to the children of our state."

Dr. Librera has most recently served as an Associate Professor in the Educational Leadership Department at New Jersey City University and President of Educational Nexus, a consulting firm in which he has advised school districts on a number of issues including early childhood education and special education.

Dr. Librera also served as the Superintendent of Schools in Montclair, Bernardsville and in Allamuchy Township. In Montclair, Dr. Librera developed policy guidelines for racial and gender composition in classrooms, worked with community groups and the Board of Education to respond to a growth in enrollment and he created a community based Early Childhood Program.

In Allamuchy, Dr. Librera developed alternatives to existing early childhood education programs, improved technology usage, implemented block scheduling, and worked to provide students with school choice.

Dr. Librera earned his Ed.D. in 1982 and his Ed.M. in 1977, both from Rutgers. He also earned a Master of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Vermont where he graduated in 1968.